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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: B. A. Seiber )

Serial No.: 09/864,990 )

For: **ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
INCREASING SPUTTER LIFE  
IN GAS DISCHARGE TUBES** )


Filed: May 24, 2001 )

Group Art Unit: 2828 )

Examiner: T. Nguyen )

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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 13, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1-23 remain in the application.

1-23 are rejected.

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*23	MINUS	*23*	X 0	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$ .00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	3	X 1	( ) X 42.00 (X) X 84.00	\$ .00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	\$ .00
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$ .00

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- ☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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